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At 4 a.m. [] ship, directed by a pilot, put into Wismar and tied up at the west quay of the old harbor opposite two old cranes. Immediately afterwards, she was boarded by two German customs officers, an agent of the Derutra, four VPs, and a Russian in plain clothes. The Russian most cordially welcomed the ship's crew. During the checking operations which took 45 minutes, the Russian remained on deck.

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At 5 a.m. [] the unloading of timber from Finland started, with the work done in two shifts from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to midnight. A Dutch steamer also unloaded timber at this quay, while a Finnish ship of about 4,000 tons took on potash in the industrial harbor. No warships or police boats were seen.

3. Shore leave was granted until 10 p.m. Numerous VP patrols ^{were} in the town which was rather quiet. Three policemen guarded the quay, but no police sentry was posted at the gangway of the informant's ship.

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Comment. The information is interesting inasmuch as it shows that the attitude toward West German merchant ships was less reserved and more friendly than previously, on the part of the custom officers, and that informant, who was in Wismar with his ship during the workers' rebellion in East Germany, was not aware of any particular occurrences except numerous VP patrols seen in the streets.

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